



# HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM

City Manager's Office

November 2, 2017  
Budget Engagement Commission

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## OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

- Housing Authority & Homeless Services renamed to Office of Homeless Solutions
- Relocated from the Community & Economic Development Department and placed under the City Manager's Office
- Began operating on November 1, 2017



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## OHS FY 17/18 FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDING SOURCE	ACTIVITY	FUNDING AMOUNT
Continuum of Care Grants (Federal funds)	Rapid Re-Housing Program – Rental Assistance	\$222,214.00
	Chronically Homeless Supportive Housing Program (SHP)	\$121,490.00
	Disabled Homeless Supportive Housing Program (SHP)	\$123,556.00
	Total	\$467,260.00
Emergency Solutions Grants (Federal funds)	Homeless Management Information System - Path of Life Ministries	\$ 15,000.00
	City Administration	\$ 20,225.00
	Riverside Emergency Shelter	\$ 83,684.80
	Cold Weather Shelter Program	\$ 67,600.00
	Rapid Re-Housing Program – Rental Assistance	\$ 75,282.20
	Outreach Program	\$ 14,476.00
	Total	\$276,268.00



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## OHS FY 17/18 FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDING SOURCE	ACTIVITY	FUNDING AMOUNT
Community Development Block Grant Funds (Federal funds)	Outreach Program	\$60,333.00
	Total	\$60,333.00
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (Federal Funds)	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program	\$531,792.71
	Total	\$531,792.71
City General Fund	Riverside Access Center	\$80,157.00
	Outreach Program	\$291,581.00
	Total	\$371,738.00



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## OHS FY 17/18 FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDING SOURCE	ACTIVITY	FUNDING AMOUNT
Housing Authority (Former Redevelopment Housing funds)	Staff Costs Shortfall	\$ 64,545.29
	Total	\$ 64,545.29
Altura Credit Union Grant	Riverside at Work Program	\$ 25,000.00
	Total	\$ 25,000.00
<b>TOTAL HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING RESOURCES</b>		<b>\$1,796,937.00</b>



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## HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM

- Prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness to address their basic needs: housing and food
- Ability to address employment, budgeting, or substance abuse through supportive services
- Client choice contributes to the success of housing stability
- More cost effective
- Recognized as best practices nationwide
- Goal: Achieve self-sufficiency



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## HOUSING FIRST

- June 20, 2017: City Council directed staff to seek and identify two to three sites in each Ward
- Pursuing potential partnership opportunities with private developers and service providers to build and operate Housing First units
  - St. Michael's Church formed a partnership with Mercy House for a potential Housing First development at 4070 Jackson Street, Ward 5
  - Example of a 21-unit HF project in Santa Ana operated and managed by Mercy House



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Continuing to present the Housing First concept to community and business groups
- Return to these groups in November 2017 to present potential Housing First sites



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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- No Place Like Home
- Senate Bill 2
- California Housing Trust Fund
- Faith-based organization collaborations through the Mayor's Love Your Neighbor initiative
- \$3 million from the Housing Authority of the City of Riverside
- \$2 million from Measure Z funds



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## HOUSING FIRST PLAN

- Present to City Council on January 23, 2018
  - Identify two to three sites in each Ward for Housing First projects
  - Identify funding sources for Housing First projects
  - Identify policies that will help fast track Housing First projects and meet the requirements of federal and state funding resources



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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Budget Engagement Commission receive and file this report on the Office of Homeless Solutions Housing First Program.

